

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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### Project Title: 69 kV Electric Transmission Line Vegetation Management Program

Lead Agency: California Department of Parks and Recreation

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City: Sacramento

Zip: 95814

County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Del Norte

City/Nearest Community: Crescent City

Cross Streets: Highway 101

Zip Code: 95531

Lat. / Long.: 41° 6708' N/ -124° 1172' W

Total Acres: 31,261

Assessor's Parcel No.:

Section:

Twp.:

Range:

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Highway 101

Waterways: Mill Creek

Airports: none

Railways: none

Schools: none

### Document Type:

CEQA:

☐ NOP

☐ Early Cons

☐ Neg Dec

☒ Mit Neg Dec

☐ Draft EIR

☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

(Prior SCH No.)

Other

NEPA:

☐ NOI

☐ EA

☐ Draft EIS

☐ FONSI

Other:

☐ Joint Document

☐ Final Document

☐ Other

### Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Community Plan

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Master Plan

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Site Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Prezone

☐ Use Permit

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation

☐ Redevelopment

☐ Coastal Permit

☒ Other Veg Plan

### Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units

Acres

☐ Office: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Educational

☐ Recreational

☐ Water Facilities: Type

MGD

☐ Transportation: Type

☐ Mining: Mineral

☐ Power: Type

MW

☐ Waste Treatment: Type

MGD

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type

☐ Other: Veg Mgt Plan

### Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Agricultural Land

☐ Air Quality

☒ Archeological/Historical

☒ Biological Resources

☐ Coastal Zone

☐ Drainage/Absorption

☐ Economic/Jobs

☐ Other

☐ Fiscal

☐ Flood Plain/Flooding

☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☐ Geologic/Seismic

☐ Minerals

☐ Noise

☐ Population/Housing Balance

☐ Public Services/Facilities

☐ Recreation/Parks

☐ Schools/Universities

☐ Septic Systems

☐ Sewer Capacity

☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☐ Solid Waste

☐ Toxic/Hazardous

☐ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Vegetation

☐ Water Quality

☐ Water Supply/Groundwater

☐ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Wildlife

☐ Growth Inducing

☐ Land Use

☐ Cumulative Effects

### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

State Park / Open Space

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CalFire	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 1 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 1 _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>National Parks (Redwood National Parks)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: June 3, 2013 Ending Date: July 3, 2013

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6.3.13

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## **Project Description**

Pacific Power proposes to conduct vegetation management activities in Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park along the Line 87 power line. This Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) covers the section of Line 87 that is located within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and addresses the impacts of vegetation management on Line 87 within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park.

Line 87 requires vegetation management work to comply with State and federal clearance requirements. Pacific Power's existing vegetation management program controls tall growing vegetation under or around Pacific Power's power lines to provide safe and reliable power to its customers. Vegetation conditions can often pose significant threats to transmission facilities, which can result in lengthened power outages and safety risks for the public. Vegetation that comes into contact with power line conductors can cause line breaks, pole damage, and can also cause wildfires, which can also be a threat to the public, wildlife and habitat within the State Park.

Based on past experience in the State Park, one crew of three tree workers requires one week, on average to completely trim one span of the power line. A span is the distance from one pole to the next, with some spans being short and others much longer. Pacific Power will use the suspension (climbing ropes) technique to climb trees. Each single crew would have two to three chainsaws active during the work day. There are 91 spans in the State Park. The non-breeding season for all birds in the State Park is only 18 weeks from September 16 to January 31. To perform vegetation management on the entire line in the State Park in the 18 week nonbreeding season, it would take 5 crews. This would mean 15 tree workers full time for 18 weeks.

Every three years, vegetation in any given location along the power line would be addressed with complete vegetation management done the first time, which would last 3 years. In year 4, line maintenance for problem vegetation on the entire line would be conducted. In the sixth year, the entire cycle would be repeated for all 91 spans.



